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LEONARD W. McHUGH ACCEPTS NEW POST



Much to our universal regret, Len McHugh has decided to leave the employ of The New York Hospital. He's been with us since January 1, 1935, when he came from The Presbyterian Hospital to be our General Storekeeper and Manager of Printing.

We shall miss him, for he has made many outstanding contributions to the Hospital. He has developed a system for perpetual inventory control and requisition pricing, and has instituted a program for central salvage control. He helped reorganize our Receiving Department and has recently been working on a plan for labor conservation by means of a Central Delivery Service. He conducted an inventory of professional supplies and equipment on the floors

of the Hospital which led to the standardization of all treatment tray setups, and he has developed a catalog of Standard Supplies for the Hospital.

Len has been the Chairman of the Committee on Standardization and Simplification, a member of the Record Committee, the Fire Prevention Committee, and the Safety Committee, but it is as the Editor and Publisher of THE PULSE that he is known to the majority of his fellow employees. His energy, his kindly and friendly personality, his good humor—all have been constantly evident in the interesting and always-awaited pages of our publication. THE PULSE is all the better for having had Len organize its publication—and the rest of us are all the better because he later became its editor.

Len's new title will be Assistant Director of the Hospital Council of Greater New York. He will work with Dr. John B. Pastore, a former Assistant Director of this Hospital and at present the Executive Director of the Hospital Council. Len leaves here with every good wish from his countless friends, who will follow his career with great interest.

ENLARGED LIFE INSURANCE PLAN

On May 1st, an extension of the Hospital's Group Life Insurance Plan for Employees went into effect. While most of us have received copies of the announcement or have seen it on our bulletin boards, THE PULSE feels it's important enough to repeat here.

Under the new plan, eligible employees who are pensioned will have insurance protection. That is, employees who, as of May 1, carry insurance in our Group Life Insurance Plan will be able to continue that amount of insur-

ance on and after the day they retire. The Hospital will pay the entire cost of the premium for the first \$1,000 of insurance. For insurance over and above \$1,000 the pensioner will pay 60 cents a month for each thousand, and the Hospital will pay the balance. Of course, the premiums cannot be for more insurance than is in force under the Group Plan.

Any other employee who, during his regular employment, applies for a Group Policy and remains a subscriber for at least 10 years prior to his retirement, will also be insured for an amount not more than \$1,000 (or in lesser amount if his insurance is less during the years he's employed). The entire cost of the insurance during retirement will be paid by the Hospital.

This low rate of insurance is a protection, a benefit and a savings account all rolled into one. In order to take advantage of this opportunity, join the Group Life Insurance Plan for Employees as soon as possible.

WE DOOD IT!

As THE PULSE goes to press, the committee of our co-workers which has been handling the Center-wide drive for the Greater New York Fund announces that the drive has just passed the \$2,500 mark. That was the quota which our co-workers set for the Center. To date, 1,902 people working here have contributed \$2,601.66. The next issue of THE PULSE will give the final figures and a list of the many departments that have participated 100%.

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A MESSAGE TO ALL READERS

With the next issue of THE PULSE an announcement will be made naming the new Editor. As the retiring Editor, I would like to express my deep appreciation to the Associate Editors, the staff reporters and the many contributors to THE PULSE during the past ten years of its publication. Each one of you who has worked on THE PULSE in the past, as well as the present board, has given unstintingly of your time, and is responsible for the wide reader interest this employee magazine enjoys today.

LEONARD W. MCHUGH

THREE REPORTERS ADDED TO STAFF OF PULSE

This place grows larger every day . . . or so it seems to some of our over-worked reporters who try to bring in news hot off the griddle from all departments for every PULSE issue. So we're enlarging the reportorial staff to help them out.

Mary Hanley in General Stores, A. Louis Malloy, manager of accounts, and Helen Campbell of the Information Desk have agreed to help us snoop out the news.

Welcome to the Staff.

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Dear Pulse Readers —

I sincerely hope that all who extended their condolences on the recent death of my husband will accept this deeply felt message of appreciation. Although I would like to thank each individual personally, the generous and wide extent of your offers of consolation has made this impossible.

There is no power on earth, I can assure you, which can provide more comfort in time of sorrow than the assurance of another's sympathy. Your kindness has done much to ease the pain of my loss. It shall not easily be forgotten.

Sincerely,

Margaret A. Mohr
Telephone Dept.

CHARTER DAY MARKS HOSPITAL ANNIVERSARY

On May 18th The New York Hospital attained the venerable age of 177 years. With a history of development and progress spanning that of the United States itself, our Hospital can well be proud of its record of achievement in the care of the sick in all its phases.

Charter Day exercises celebrating the Hospital's anniversary were held in the lounges of the Nurses Residence. Taking part were members and guests of the Society of The New York Hospital. William H. Jackson, President of the Society, presided at the meeting. A short address was given by Dr. Stanhope Bayne-Jones, president of the Joint Administrative Board, and the main speaker of the afternoon was Major General Paul R. Hawley, United States Army (Ret.), who is chief executive of the National Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plans. Both speakers talked of the place of the voluntary hospital in the scheme of community health and emphasized the fact that in order to take care of an ever-increasing number of patients the voluntary hospital must be aided through some form of private health insurance.

Believing that all those who work in this Hospital will be interested in the scope of its functions, we are publishing some of the figures from the Annual Report for 1947 which was issued on May 11th.

Number of beds in operation . . .	1,445
Number of patients treated . . .	76,340
Out-patient visits . . .	296,755
Operations performed . . .	13,168
Babies Born . . .	3,986
Meals served . . .	3,114,787

The operating deficit, before contributions, for 1947 was \$1,843,241 as compared with \$1,413,135 for 1946.

As the Hospital begins its 178th year, we may take a justifiable pride not only in its past history, but also in the part we may all play in its future. The New York Times put it this way in its editorial of May 14th: "In the face of great difficulties, The New York Hospital continued last year to do a tremendous job and do it well."

DR. STANDER DIES SUDDENLY

On Sunday, May 2nd, the Center lost a friend and a leader, Dr. Henricus J. Stander, who died suddenly at his home at the age of 53. Dr. Stander had served here since 1931 as obstetrician and gynecologist-in-chief of the Hospital and professor of obstetrics and gynecology in the Medical College. He was president of the Medical Board from the time of its organization.

Dr. Stander, who earned an international reputation, had previously been well-known as an authority in the field of colloidal chemistry.

He was born June 21, 1894, in South Africa, of Dutch and French ancestry, and attended school and college in Cape Town, South Africa. He studied chemistry first at South African College, Cape Town, and then at Harvard University, which he entered upon his arrival in the United States in 1913. After remaining at Harvard for one year, he accepted a post in the school of mines at the University of Arizona, where he was granted a degree of Master of Science during the one year he was there.

In 1916 and 1917 he acted as consultant chemist to the Hercules Powder Company in Wilmington, Delaware, and then was able to fulfill his long-cherished wish to study medicine. He graduated from Yale Medical School in 1921, served his internship at the New

Haven Hospital and became a member of the Department of Obstetrics at Johns Hopkins, from which hospital he came to this Center.

Dr. Stander was a member of many medical organizations and author of several books. In 1937 he was awarded the Order de Finlay of Havana. He received an honorary Doctor of Medicine degree from Dublin University in 1947, flying to Ireland last summer to accept it.

THE PULSE extends its deepest sympathy to his family. We shall all feel his loss deeply.

N.Y.H. WELL REPRESENTED AT NUTRITION INSTITUTE

During the week of April 19th to 23rd, the American Hospital Association conducted an Institute on "Modernization of Food Services, Facilities and Procedures in Hospitals" at the Buck Hill Falls Inn, Pennsylvania. The Institute was planned and capably administered by Margaret Gillam, Dietetics Specialist, A.H.A., who preceded Louise Stephenson as Director of Nutrition Service here. The New York Hospital was well represented by Hendrika J. Rynbergen, Meredith Jones and Leonard W. McHugh as members of the faculty, and by Edward L. Richman as an enrolled member of the student body.

Everyone in attendance with whom we've talked has attested to the success and informative value of the program conducted by Miss Gillam. A pleasant aspect of the Institute was meeting again with many N.Y.H. Nutrition Alumnae in the persons of Alta B. Atkinson, Betty Haas, Doris Ann Boyle and Louise Hatch. Mr. John G. Dale, Personnel Director, was a member of the Pre-Planning Committee of the Institute.

NEW NURSING ADMINISTRATOR FOR SUPPLEMENTARY STAFF

Many of you have undoubtedly missed a familiar face in the Nursing Service office on the F corridor. Miss Clara Brown, Administrative Assistant in Charge of Supplementary Staff, has left the Hospital to become Mrs. Victor

Worledge and a resident of Waco, Texas.

Miss Brown, a graduate of the Hartford Hospital School of Nursing, first came to The New York Hospital in the summer of 1946 as relief evening supervisor in Medicine and Surgery. She returned to take over the administration of the Supplementary Staff in June, 1947.

To Miss Brown—all the best wishes of her many friends here.

Miss Doris Bresnahan, the new occupant of F-172C, comes to us from Columbia Teachers' College, where she recently received a B.S. degree in Nursing Education. A graduate of the Elliott Hospital School of Nursing in Manchester, New Hampshire, she was formerly on the staff of the New Haven Hospital and saw overseas service in the Philippine Islands.

To Miss Bresnahan—a very hearty welcome to N.Y.H.

LONG SERVICE AWARD DINNERS TO BE CONTINUED

The Anniversary Service Award Committee takes great pleasure in being authorized to announce that employees of The New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center who will have completed 15 and 25 years of service on December 31, 1948, will receive recognition on November 3, 1948, at a dinner to which all personnel with 15 or more years of service will be invited. This will include all who received their awards in 1947, as well as employees who become eligible by December 31, 1948.

Any questions you may have concerning the dinner may be referred to a member of the Anniversary Service Award Committee. The Committee members are:

Mr. L. G. Payson, *Chairman*
 Dr. S. Bayne-Jones
 Dean J. C. Hinsey
 Mrs. M. C. Ivison
 Miss B.A.R. Parker
 Miss L. Stephenson
 Mr. J. G. Dale
 Mr. W. W. Downey
 Mr. J. H. Keig
 Mr. E. K. Taylor

JAMES J. O'CONNELL APPOINTED GENERAL STOREKEEPER

Mr. James J. O'Connell has been appointed General Storekeeper here at the Hospital. His appointment becomes effective June 15th. He is already well-known to many of us as he was previously employed as Assistant Storekeeper here for a two-year period. Mr. O'Connell's experience along the lines of medical supply has been fortified by a four-year stint with the Medical Department of the Navy.

PLAY IT SAFE!

The accident record for the first three months of 1948 was an improvement over the same period in 1947, but we still have a long, long way to go! We thought you'd be interested in seeing just how the figures compiled by the Safety Committee compare, so here they are. Play it safe in '48!

MONTHS	ACCIDENTS		LOST-TIME ACCIDENTS	
	1947	1948	1947	1948
Jan.	59	39	7	4
Feb.	44	28	5	5
March	42	34	6	9
Totals	145	101	18	18

PRINTING DEPARTMENT REORGANIZED

Effective June 16th, the Printing Department will no longer be an operating division of the General Stores Department. Mr. Edward Linhart has been appointed Operating Supervisor and will report to Mr. James F. Best, Purchasing Agent. All requests for new printing work reviewed in the past by Mr. Leonard W. McHugh will now be referred to Mr. James F. Best, H-114. The physical location of the Printing Department has not been changed.

"What Makes the Center Tick"



The editors of THE PULSE are grateful for the suggestion that was sent in by John J. Clampet, Orderly on K-7. As a matter of fact, a whole new series, entitled "What Makes the Center Tick" which will begin in the next issue of THE PULSE, is the result of John's idea. He feels, and rightly, that a series of articles about the many different kinds of work performed by our personnel in various parts of the Hospital will help us all to understand each other's work . . . will perhaps make our work easier.

The men and women in the unposed picture, *above*, represent a cross section of the Hospital. The picture was taken in the East Dining Room at noon the other day and shows just a few of the hundreds of us who make this great Medical Center possible.

In the new series we'll try to tell you about individual jobs, why they're important in the operation of the Center, and how they fit into the whole scheme of community health. Because this timely suggestion is John's, the first article in the series will be entitled "The Orderly," and will tell something about the duties and responsibilities of this vital part of the Nursing Service.

Thanks again for the idea, John Clampet, and keep 'em coming!

CARELESS SMOKING CAUSES FIRE!

MISS LALIME RESIGNS

Miss Marie Lalime, Supervisor of Pavilion Admitting, after twelve years of service in numerous capacities, has resigned from the Hospital, effective June 18th, just twelve years to the day that she first entered our service as a General Staff Nurse. Miss Lalime's history with the Hospital was as follows: Assistant Head Nurse, Urology; Head Nurse, Emergency (Evenings); Supervisor, M. & S. Nursing (Evenings); Supervisor, Emergency (Days); Assistant Director of Personnel, and Supervisor of Pavilion Admitting.

Miss Lalime is transferring her talents to the field of cosmetics and candy as a distributor, and we wish to take this opportunity to wish her all the luck in the world in her new career.

DR. BAYNE-JONES RECEIVES BRITISH DECORATION

One of the highest honors granted by Great Britain has been awarded to Dr. Stanhope Bayne-Jones, president of our Joint Administrative Board. On April 30, Dr. Bayne-Jones traveled to Washington, D. C., to receive the insignia of Honorary Commander of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for outstanding work in typhus fever prevention during World War II. He was one of seventy-five members and former members of the United States armed forces to be honored by the British in recognition of their wartime services.

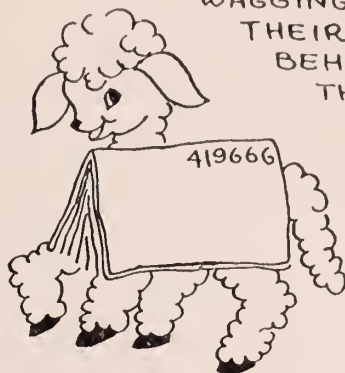
The Duke and Duchess of Windsor were among the many notables present at the ceremony, which was held at the British Embassy. Lord Inverchapel, British ambassador, presented the award to Dr. Bayne-Jones on behalf of the King.

CALLING ALL SINGERS!

There's a project a-foot to hold informal song fests during the lunch hour once a week, with everyone who works here in Center invited to participate. THE PULSE advises anyone interested to watch bulletin boards for an announcement of time and place. Or call Edith Schultze, Extension 333, if you are interested.

*Little Bo-Peep has lost some records
And can't tell where to find them
Don't leave them alone*

THEY WON'T COME HOME
WAGGING
THEIR TAILS
BEHIND
THEM!



Won't you help her?

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TRAVELERS

The Biennial Convention of the American Nurses' Association, the National League of Nursing Education and the National Organization for Public Health Nursing opened in Chicago on May 30th and continued until June 4. Miss Mary E. Klein, of Medicine and Surgery, and Miss Virginia M. Dunbar, Dean of the Nursing School and Director of the Nursing Service, attended as representatives of the nursing administration of the Hospital and School. They also attended the meetings of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Nursing for two days prior to the official opening of the Biennial. The Alumnae Association of the School sent Miss Edna Stratton, president, and Miss Rosalind MacLean, while the student body was represented by Miss Josephine Jurusik and Miss Mary Lehrbach, president and president-elect of the Student Organization. Miss June Watkins, administrative assistant in the nursing service, Miss Jennie Riley and Miss Margaret Burrell, head nurses, attended the convention from the Westchester Division.

DANIEL VISITS THE LION'S DEN

James F. Best, Purchasing Agent, known these days as "The Mighty Mite," recently returned from a week's attendance at the American Surgical Trade Association Annual Convention held at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago. He was the only hospital representative this year at the A.S.T.A.

Highlights of the meeting were talks by Dr. Morris Fishbein, editor of the A.M.A. Journal.

Mr. Best was there not only to soak up some knowledge but as well to look for that extra 10% that is in every supplier's price list.

There is a rumor that he missed getting downtown on the windy corners of the Windy City, especially as his eyesight is still 20/20 without glasses.

THIS SPACE RESERVED EXCLUSIVELY FOR MEN

The Hospital Barber Shop is now under the management of Ernest Ricciardelli, formerly of Hotel McAlpin and The George Washington Hotel.

The hours are:

Monday to Friday
9:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Saturday
9:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.

Call Extension 7081 for appointment.

Your patronage will be appreciated.

NURSING SCHOOL GIVEN CHECK FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

In the last issue of THE PULSE you read about the newly-formed Committee for Scholarships for the Cornell University-New York Hospital School of Nursing, and the benefit bridge which was held in the Nurses Residence to raise money for nursing scholarships.

On May 4th, the 71st anniversary of the School, Mrs. Norvelle C. LaMar, chairman of the Committee, turned over to Miss Virginia M. Dunbar, Dean of the School, a check for \$2,100, which has been raised since November, 1947.

It's just this kind of wholehearted interest on the part of the public which will continue to encourage young women to enter nursing.

Hospi - Tales

HERE AND THERE: Mrs. Helen Hicks, Dietitian, Garden Dining Room, will accompany her husband on a one-year trip to Switzerland via the British Isles and France. Lucky, lucky you, Helen . . . We hear that Ann Cekliniak of the Engineer's and THE PULSE went under the knife on May 13th. (Appendix wasn't bad enough, look at that date). . . Miss Evelyn Wolff, new to Pediatric Occupational Therapy. Welcome Evelyn.

. . . Miss MacWinters, Garden Dining room, is again making two-handed change. Broken arm all healed, Miss Mac? . . . Her many friends will miss Minnie Patterson (G-7 Pantry) who, after fifteen years of faithful service, was forced to leave the Hospital due to an accident which claimed the life of her daughter. We all share your grief, Minnie, and wish you nothing but the best in the future . . . Say "How dō" to Mrs. Rose Florio, new Supervisor of Mending & Manufacturing in the Laundry . . . Mary Everhart, former Skin Clinic Technician now an addition to the O.P.D. doing statistical work for Dr. Barr. . . Louise Moore has switched from Clinic Aide to Technician in the Skin Clinic . . . Helen Ganzekaufer (Secretary to Miss McDermott) is a patient on G-7. Speedy recovery, Helen.

. . . Miss Hazel Heger, Central Laboratories Technician to Private Patients Service, is on vacation and visiting her sister in San Francisco. Thanks for your card telling of the fun you've had. That's peachy. . . The name of the sweet little voice heard in the wee hours of the morning at Information is Miss Yachio Yonashito. She has been a member of this department for the past eight months. . . "Welcome home" to Rosalie Maresca. Rosalie started as a messenger. After her journey through several of our departments, where she has gathered much wisdom, she returns to the staff of Information June 1st as a clerk.

ALOHAS Anita Rhodes, Supervisor of Mending and Manufacturing in the Laundry, has resigned to take a much-needed rest . . . Dr. and Mrs. Humphreys and son have moved to Ithaca, N. Y., where the Doc will open a private Practice. . . Miss Norma Alessandrini has deserted us for greener pastures. . . We regret the resignation of Mrs. Marcia Svetskey of Social Service, but love is a strong call. She leaves us to join her husband.

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BUNDLES FROM HEAVEN: Mr and Mrs. Vassar W. Johnson (Administration) welcomed Richard Dale into their lives at 12:20 a.m. on the 12th of May. The young fellow may have made his appearance in the wee hours but not in size, checking in at 7½ pounds and 20¼ inches long. . . Mr. and Mrs. William West (he supers the cleaning of the Operating rooms for Building Service) have a new boarder William C., Junior, who moved in with the Wests at 10:40 p.m. April 21 and brought with him 8 pounds, 1 ounce of joy and laughter. . .

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NEW YORKIDS: To Paul Petite and Fred Vaupal (Protection) for their everyday courtesy and smiles which they bestow on all who come in contact with them. . . To the men of Building Service who worked all day and all night on the floor of the Nurses Residence Dining Room, a tough task and a good one. . .

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WEDDING BELLS: On May 2nd, Miss Martha Hutchins, Personnel Health, changed her name to Mrs. Joseph Schelling. Happy days, Martha. . . Miss Ruth Warye, former dietitian in Urology, now signs her name Mrs. Glenn Clark. Lovely, lovely lovely. Miss Ilse (Heart Station) decided that two could live as cheaply as one and on April 30th walked that long aisle with Mr. Edward Kelley. Congrats, kids . . . Evelyn Roberston (Nurse, H-8) and Mr. Robert Graham, Medical Student, will make with that happy look on June 19th. . Jean Richell of Employees' Health is now Mrs. Ray Bretana, and, not to be outdone, her sister Ruth,

clerk on H-8, will follow suit on the 19th of June and will become Mrs. John DeMartino. Everybody's doing it etc. . . June 19th must be a magic date, Mary Stafford (Nursing) and Dr. A. E. McElfresh also picked it for that "once in a lifetime" day. . . Dan Cupid has hit a bulls' eye with Miss Marjorie LeRoy of Information. The wedding bells will peal forth in September. . . Miss Tessie Stangl, our capable Stock Record Clerk at General Stores for the past five years, is being married on June 27th to Joseph Spinnelli, a jeweler of this city. We wish you every happiness, Tess, and you know we'll miss you.

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College Corner

The Hobby Show held by the students and faculty of the Medical College in the College cafeteria on the evening of May 14 proved to be a big hit with all who attended. The talents displayed by many of our students and doctors in their avocations were of professional quality.

Everything from sculpture work to feats of legerdemain were displayed. Paintings by doctors Foot and Grace, sculpture work by doctors Noback and Flory, wood carvings by Dr. Modell, and paint restorations by Dr. Dubois were just a few of the exhibits shown.

Entertainment was provided by the N.Y.H. Glee Club and by individual students and members of the faculty. Congratulations are in order to all who participated. Everyone is looking forward to a repeat performance next spring.

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The new look on John Benesch of the College payroll office may be due to his marriage early in May. Best Wishes, John.

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The recently installed departmental mail boxes in the College are still proving a stumbling block. Homer of Public Health or George of Physiology may be seen nearly any morning struggling with the intricacies of the combination locks on the boxes.

Hospi - Tales

FROM WESTCHESTER

Wedding bells will be ringing on June 15th for Anne D. Kennard, former interne in the psychology department at the Westchester Division, and Dr. Tom G. Stauffer, resident physician. Dr. Stauffer has completed a three-year residency at the Hospital and plans to go into private practice in Scarsdale. The best of luck to both.

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Miss Carolyne Sprogell, head of the nursing service at the Westchester Division, and her staff were hostesses on May 13th to the Directors of Nursing and Educational Directors of the nine nursing schools affiliated with the Westchester Division. Miss Sprogell reviewed the Hospital's nurses' education program for her guests and took them on a tour of the Hospital, following which the whole nursing staff joined them at tea in the nurses' residence.



On April 25th Miss Betty Kline, Floor Clerk on H-5 became Mrs. William Sweeney. Shown here is the happy couple as they left St. Monica's Church after the ceremonies.



On Saturday, the 17th of April, Miss Daisy K. Anderson, Assistant Director of the Nutrition Department, became the bride of Kenneth Charles Doty. The bride and groom motored through the Virginia mountains and visited such historic spots as Williamsburg on their honeymoon trip. Mrs. Doty has resumed her duties in the Nutrition Department.

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Nursing School Notes

A dinner and a mass meeting of the student body were held on June 9th for the purpose of installing the newly-elected student officers. Faculty members were also present to see the girls accept their new offices. While some of the names were still a deep-dyed secret when THE PULSE went to press we are able to give you the following: Mary Therese Lehrbach, President of the Student Organization; Eileen McLellan, Vice-President; Jane Peterson, Secretary, Edith Nolt, Treasurer; Prudence Schlimbaum, Chairman of Judiciary Committee; Marie Russo, Secretary of Judiciary Committee, and Gloria Simpson, Chairman of the

Handbook Committee. Congratulations and best wishes to all.

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Here's a "local girl makes good" item about the present director of the Social Service Department of the California Hospital in Los Angeles. The girl is Anne Williamson, a graduate of our School of Nursing, and she's just published a book on her career. This news is of pretty special interest, and not just because one of "our girls" has turned author. You see, Anne Williamson graduated in the class of 1896, and the publication of her book, "Fifty Years in Starch," coincided with her 80th birthday! (We last saw Miss W. when she flew here from the Coast last year to help celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Nursing School). Congratulations, Anne!



Bernard Kleve, Medical & Surgical Order Clerk in General Stores, was married on May 9th to Miss Harriet Katzman. The honeymoon trip included Buffalo, the inevitable Niagara Falls and Canada. Pictured here is our Barney and the happy bride.

PATIENT COMMENDS HOSPITAL

During the first week in May, Mr. John G. Dale, Director of Personnel, received the following letter from a patient recently discharged from the Hospital.

The New York Hospital
525 East 68th Street
New York 21, N. Y.

Attention: Mr. John G. Dale, Jr.
Director of Personnel

Gentlemen:

On or about April 20th, 1948, I was assigned as a patient to Baker Pavilion, and was discharged therefrom yesterday.

I should like to take this means of commending to you the splendid services I received from all personnel during this period. I was extremely impressed not only with the high calibre of medical skill that was prevalent and so self-evident to even a layman's eye, but with the apparent zest and kindly effort employed by each individual in approaching his or her duties.

The spirit of camaraderie which existed between interns, nurses, orderlies, maids and auxiliary personnel who attended me in the period aforementioned, as well as their unfailing consideration and courtesy to all patients, was phenomenally outstanding.

It follows that such fine "esprit de corps" had a most salutary effect on me and other patients to whom they ministered.

I thought I'd like to make my deep appreciation a matter of record to you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'C. D. Vaughn', with a stylized, flowing script.

C. D. Vaughn